(d) A number of steps taken by the Government in this regard are as under; —

(i) Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture have proposed to implement a Central Sector Scheme on development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in the country. This scheme also includes the establishment of Herbal Gardens [m] the potential areas of the country during the Eighth *Fbfe* Year Plan for which an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakhs have been proposed during 1992-93.

(ii) National Wastelands Development Board, an organisation under the Ministry of Environment and Forests have introduced a Centrally-sponsored Scheme for raising minor Forest Produce including medicinal plants from 1988-89 onwards in the States. A sum of Rs. 650 lakh$_s$ had been* allocated in 1991-92.

(iii) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (I.C.A.R.), an organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture is operating an All India Coordinated Research Project on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants with Nine Centres all over the country for studying a number of crops. Besides, the National Bureau of Planl Genetic Resources, New Delhi is conserving Germ-plasm of some important medicinal plants and is also working on their tissue culture.

(iv) Survey, Cultivation and Research on medicinal plants are pri mary objectives of several Government departments functioning under various ministries, for example CCR4.S under the Ministry of Health and F.W., Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (GIMAP), Central Indian Medicinal Plants Organisation (CIMPO), National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Central Drug Research In. stitu'te (CDRI), National Institute of Oceanography. The National Institute of Oceanography exclusively conducts research on medicinally valuable sea-weeds.

(v) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have implemented a scheme during 1990-91 under which Central assistance was provided to the Govemment/Semi-Go-vernment organisations in States/ UTs for cultivation and development of identified species of medicinal plants.

(vi) Some State Governments cultivate medicinal plants through their forests departments.

दिल्ली प्रशासन में उपनिदेशकों के पद

1824. **डा. रत्नाकर पांडेय :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली प्रशासन के स्वास्थ्य विभाग में उप-निदेशकों (आई.एस.एम. होम्योपैथी) के कुल कितने पद हैं ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन के स्वास्थ्य विभाग में उपर्युक्त पदों के अतिरिक्त उप-निदेशक (होम्योपैथी) के पद भी हैं ;

(ग) यदि नहीं तो दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा उप-निदेशक (होम्योपैथी) के रिक्त स्थानों को भरने के लिए समाचारपत्रों में हाल ही में किस आधार पर सूचना प्रकाशित की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस पद के लिए स्वीकृति कब ली गई थी और यह पद कब से रिक्त है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी. के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर पर रख दी जाएगी ।

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1825. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: WiU the Minister of HEALTH ' AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: